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Title: METHOD TO ENHANCE AND/OR PROLONG THE EFFECTS OF A PRIMARY CHALLENGE TO A RESPONSIVE SYSTEM WITH A SECONDARY CHALLENGE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 2, 2002

In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2002, Applicants hereby submit the following Response.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims

Please amend the following claims:

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of enhancing and/or prolonging the response of a primary challenge to a responsive system comprising the steps of:
 - a) subjecting a test site, as defined herein, of the responsive system to the primary challenge;
 - b) subjecting the test site to a secondary challenge, wherein the secondary challenge differs from the primary challenge and wherein the secondary challenge is designed to enhance, and/or prolong a response of the responsive system to the primary challenge; and
 - c) assessing the response;wherein the primary challenge is a chemical challenge and the secondary challenge is a physical challenge and wherein the term "assessing" means any method of evaluating, observing, noting, and/or comparing the condition (e.g., response) of test sites.